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(Wall Street Journal, 6/10) . . . Israel used its planes for the precise purpose for which they were purchased: self-defense" (William Safire, 6/11).

Other papers and columnists supporting the raid were: San Francisco Chronicle; Tulsa World; Louisville Courier-Journal; Manchester Union Leader; Framingham (Mass.) News; Middlesex News; William F. Buckley; [illegible]; George Will; James J. Kilpatrick.

Editorials Say Nuclear Reactor Called For

Editorials in papers supporting the raid stressed the failure of nuclear nonproliferation efforts and called for a vigorous international response. The supportive Louisville Courier-Journal wrote: "By destroying the French-built reactor, Israel has undercut the efficacy of that industrialized world's efforts to prevent the spread of nuclear technology to the manufacture of atomic weapons." The Chicago Tribune wrote: "Sure enough, this is the primary lesson to be drawn from Israel's response to new guidelines for [illegible]. Whatever they say and however they will [illegible] pointed out, primarily from [illegible] a bomb but [illegible] who will [illegible] technology" (New York Times, 6/14).

Editorials Say Raid Will Keep Arab Nuclear Installations Away

Editorials in papers supporting the raid, such as the Pittsburgh Press, suggested that the Israeli attack would keep Arab nuclear installations away from Israel's borders. The Pittsburgh Press wrote: "Fear and insecurity will keep pushing the Arabs to build their own nuclear installations. And with our confidence that Israel does not possess the bomb, the Arabs will [illegible] themselves" (Pittsburgh Press, 6/14).

Editorials Say Raid Will Help Israel's Security

Editorials in papers supporting the raid, such as the Phoenix Gazette, said that the raid would help Israel's security. The Gazette wrote: "Israel's attack on the Iraqi nuclear facility will [illegible] Israel as a threat to the Mideast. The raid can [illegible] legitimize Saudi Arabia's plan to buy [illegible] the balance of power in the Middle East. [illegible] the Senate's request for AWACS radar planes for protection [illegible] penetration" (Phoenix Gazette, 6/14).

Flora Lewis interpreted the bombing as proof that the flow of sophisticated munitions into the Mideast is a destabilizing exercise. "The sale of AWACS electronic command planes to Saudi Arabia and the [illegible] by the Israeli raid [illegible] to make [illegible] more and better weapons in [illegible]" (New York Times, 6/12).